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Amendments to the Specifications

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 18-25, with the following amended paragraph:

c. Where the fiducial marking is introduced as an extrinsic component of a carpet, the extrinsic fiducial marking and the excitation source are characterized such that fluorescence is excited in the extrinsic fiducial marking but not in the intrinsic components of the carpet. Moreover, the detection device is configured to detect fluorescence in a predetermined wavelength range that is determined by the excitation source and extrinsic component of the carpet, and which substantially excludes fluorescence from [extrinsic] intrinsic components of the carpet material.